

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1128 – HB 1372

April 21, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the use of unmanned traffic enforcement cameras by local governments to enforce or monitor traffic violations; Defines unmanned traffic enforcement camera and traffic violation for the purpose of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$978,000

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004453, 006782): Amendment 004453 expands the proposed prohibition for local governments to use unmanned traffic enforcement cameras to also include the purchasing, installing, operating, and maintaining or contracting to purchase, install, operate, or maintain any unmanned traffic enforcement camera for the purpose of enforcing or monitoring traffic violations.

Amendment 006782 limits the use of traffic cameras to red light violations exclusively. Requires the yellow signal to last at least four seconds before issuing a ticket for red light violations. Applies the proposed law, with regard to contracts for traffic camera enforcement services, to contracts entered into after the enactment of the legislation, and imposes the four second requirement for red light cameras beginning on July 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Decrease Local Revenue- Exceeds \$470,000

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill is only relevant to local government; any fiscal impact to the state is considered not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation as well as the Tennessee Association of Police Chiefs, a traffic study assessment would not be necessary in order to implement the provisions of the bill.
- Based on information obtained from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, it can be reasonably determined that prohibiting the use of speed cameras would decrease local government revenue by an amount exceeding \$470,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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